



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF)

John Layous, et al.)

Serial No. 10/753,255)

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For: Processed Garlic Pieces)

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**DECLARATION OF
JOHN LAYOUS**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I, John Layous, declare as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the garlic product and process set forth in the above-referenced patent application.

2. I have been in the business of growing and processing garlic for more than twenty five years.

3. In the evolution of the invention, I initially set out to reduce the garlic flavor and bitterness from the garlic by blanching whole, uncut cloves of garlic. the garlic flavor and bitterness from the garlic by blanching whole, uncut cloves of garlic.

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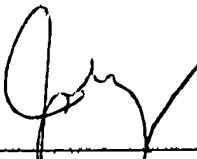
4. I found, in that attempt, that the time of blanching necessary to adequately reduce the garlic flavor at the center of the cloves would reduce the outer, surrounding portions of the cloves to a mushy pulp which was largely flavorless and difficult to process thereafter.

5. I also found that blanching whole cloves for only the time necessary to reduce the garlic flavor from the outer portions of the garlic cloves, the center of the garlic cloves would have virtually no garlic flavor reduction and would introduce undesired levels of garlic flavor and bitterness into the final product.

6. It was only by slicing the garlic cloves into pieces of generally uniform thickness that I was able to adequately and uniformly reduce the garlic flavor and bitterness from all of the garlic.

7. I declare under penalty of perjury that all statements made of the my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Dated: February 2, 2006



John Layous

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